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LONG LITERARY GAZETTE ARTICLE BY N. MOLCHANOV RE FRENCH
GOVERNMENT CRISIS AND PROJECTS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ENDS
WITH POSSIBILITY OF DE GAULLE ACCESSION TO POWER AND DECLARES:
"MANY CANNOT BUT BE ATTRACTED BY PACT THAT DE GAULLE STANDS
FOR MORE INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLITICAL COURSE, FOR SCHER APPROACH
TO COLONIAL PROBLEMS." PRENCH PUBLICIST MAURICE DUVIERGE WAS
ALSO CITED TO REFECT THAT QUESTION IS NOT IF BUT WHEN DE GAULLE
WILL HEAD GOVERNMENT.

CONNENT: THOUGH WRITER AND PAPER ARE NOT ESPECIALLY AUTHORITATIVE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IT IS INTERESTING THAT TONE SHOWS PREFERENCE FOR DESAULLE. SOVIETS MAY FEEL HE WOULD REPRESENT DIFFICULT PROBLEM FOR NATO ALLIANCE AND BRING ABOUT POLARIZED INTERNAL SITUATION IN FRANCE ENABLING COMMUNISTS TO GAIN NEW ALLIES.

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